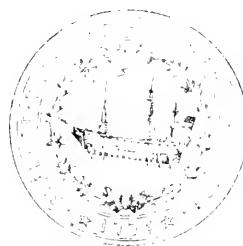


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Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year Ending December 31

1973

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report
**OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973**

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS — 1973**Moderator:** Bruce J. Enderson**Town Clerk:** April R. Boutin**Selectmen:**

James W. Elliott	Term Expires 1974
George B. Tyler	Term Expires 1975
James J. Page	Term Expires 1976

Treasurer: Barbara Scott (to 11/13/73)

Priscilla T. Boutin

Tax Collector: Maxine M. Tyler**Supervisors of the Checklist:**

John G. Elliott, Sr.	Term Expires 1974
Laura Mason	Term Expires 1976
Mildred A. Elliott	Term Expires 1978

Trustees of Trust Funds:

William J. Harris	Term Expires 1974
John G. Elliott, Sr.	Term Expires 1975
Joseph N. Boutin, Sr.	Term Expires 1976

Constable: George B. Tyler**Auditor:** Jacob W. Aldrich**Sexton:** David Harris**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber:** William J. Harris**Health Officer:** John Boutin, Sr.**Overseer of Public Welfare:** Maxine M. Tyler**Ballot Clerks:**

Iona V. Boutin	William J. Harris
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Ballot Inspector: Katie J. Goodwin

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the first Tuesday of March next (the 5th) at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

(The polls will be open from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. to choose a delegate to the 1974 Constitutional Convention.)

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for a term of three years; one Treasurer; one Tax Collector; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years; one Auditor; one Sexton; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$158.87 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid) as provided in Chapter 241 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$119.91 for the White Mountains Region Association.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to become a member of the North Country Council which has been designated by the State Office of Comprehensive Planning to be the official planning commission for New Hampshire Planning Region One.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council for one year beginning July 1, 1974.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize

the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes and in amounts indicated or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Ambulance Service	\$ 100.00
Hospital	200.00
Mental Health Service	181.25
Home Health Service	145.00
Tax Maps	250.00
Town Road Construction	2,600.00
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	\$3,476.25

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget and will vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a regional refuse disposal planning committee, as authorized by Chapter 53-B:1 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, consisting of three persons appointed by the Moderator. The duties and responsibilities of this committee will be to study the handling and disposal of solid waste and to report their findings to the Selectmen on or before December 31, 1974.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and receive Federal Disaster Assistance Funds through the State Disaster Coordinating Office and to expend the funds so received for

those purposes stated in the application.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums as may be necessary to defray the costs resulting from a disaster for which Federal Disaster Assistance Funds are anticipated to be received through the State Disaster Coordinating Office.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness of the Town in anticipation of taxes collected for the year 1974 and to be paid therefrom.

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize a discount on current property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen if all previous taxes are paid; and to see if the Town will set the amount of said discount.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 31:105, Revised Statutes Annotated, to indemnify and save harmless for loss or damage any person employed by the Town and any member or officer of its governing board, administrative staff or agencies, from personal financial loss and expenses including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, rising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property while said employee, officer or agent is acting within the scope of his employment or office.

Article 15. To choose a delegate to the 1974 Constitutional Convention.

Given under our hands and seals at Benton this 5th day of February, A.D. 1974.

JAMES W. ELLIOTT

GEORGE B. TYLER

JAMES J. PAGE

Selectmen of Benton

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES, FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1973**

	Receipts and Reim- bursements	Expendi- tures	Unex- pended Balance	Over- draft
Title of Appropriation:				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 675.00	\$ 73.80	\$ 98.80	
Town Officers' Expenses	725.00	921.83	196.83	
Election and Registration	275.00	395.20	120.20	
Town Buildings Expenses	60.00	86.36 (1)	160.51	14.15
Police Department	30.00	30.00		
Insurance	300.00	275.00	25.00	
Health Department	155.00	150.00	5.00	
Vital Statistics	10.00	2.00	8.00	
Dump	100.00	100.00		
Town Maintenance—Summer	1,500.00	997.17 (2)	1,167.87	
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00	956.62	-43.38	
Town Road Flood Damage				
Town Road Aid	159.16	4,686.69	1,986.69	
Town Road Construction—Revenue Sharing	4,000.00	1,385.39	2,614.61	
Town Road Construction				
Town Poor	125.00	63.75	63.75	
Cemeteries	250.00	111.60	13.40	
Regional Association	84.14	135.59	114.41	
Interest	120.00	84.14		
School Appropriation	26,656.29	180.00	60.00	
County Tax Assessment	2,477.84	24,341.61	2,314.68	
		2,477.84		
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	\$38,702.43	\$3,783.53	\$38,720.03	\$6,306.35
				\$2,540.42
			Net Unexpended Balance	\$3,765.93

- (1) Benton Bible Chapel—electric
- (2) Class V Highway Maintenance
- (3) Federal Disaster Assistance

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

**Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1974 Compared with Actual
Revenue for the Year 1973**

	1973 Actual	1974 Estimated
SOURCES OF REVENUE		
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 632.57	\$ 650.00
Savings Bank Tax	17.77	18.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,279.19	1,300.00
Highway Subsidy	1,649.33	2,289.10
Reimbursement a/c Business Profits Tax	894.68	940.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Fed. Forest Lands		2,100.00
National Forest Reserve (1/2)	2,372.76	2,400.00
From Local Sources:		
Dog Licenses	108.00	100.00
Permits	4.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,029.23	2,100.00
Interest on Taxes	193.55	100.00
Income from Trust Funds	112.95	115.00
Resident Taxes Retained	649.00	750.00
Normal Yield Taxes Collected	706.58	3,550.00
Rent of Town Property	86.36	90.00
Surplus (Balance Sheet):		11,890.51
From Federal Sources:		
Revenue Sharing	1,385.39	3,476.25
Federal Disaster Assistance—		
Flood Damage	2,700.00	2,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	<hr/> \$14,821.36	<hr/> \$33,868.86
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	<hr/> 22,367.43	<hr/> 17,704.89
TOTAL REVENUES	<hr/> \$37,188.79	<hr/> \$51,573.75

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

**Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1974 Compared with
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1973**

	1973 Actual	1974 Estimated
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION:		
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 773.80	\$ 700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	921.83	800.00
Election and Registration	395.20	750.00
Town Buildings Expenses	160.51	150.00
Police Department	30.00	50.00
Insurance	275.00	275.00
Planning		132.00
Legal Expenses		100.00
Health Department		
Ambulance Service	100.00	* 100.00
Hospital		*200.00
Mental Health Services	50.00	*181.25
Home Health Services		*145.00
Vital Statistics	2.00	10.00
Dump	100.00	100.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	1,329.30	1,500.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	956.62	1,000.00
Town Road Flood Damage	4,686.69	2,000.00
Town Road Aid	159.16	158.87
Town Poor	111.60	125.00
Cemeteries	135.59	250.00
Regional Association	84.14	119.91
Debt Service:		
Interest on Temporary Loans	180.00	180.00
Capital Outlay:		
Town Road Construction	*1,385.39	*2,600.00
Town Road Construction	63.75	
Tax Maps		*250.00
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net School Appropriation	24,341.61	37,296.72
County Tax Assessment	2,477.84	2,500.00
TOTAL TOWN, SCHOOL AND COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS	<hr/>	<hr/>
*Revenue Sharing Funds	\$38,720.03	\$51,573.75

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Description of Property:	1973	1972
Land	\$221,820.00	\$196,167.00
Buildings	418,731.00	385,595.00
Public Utilities—Electric	35,396.00	35,708.00
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TOTAL VALUATION	\$675,947.00	\$567,470.00
Exemptions—Elderly:	— 8,775.00	— 8,320.00
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$667,172.00	\$559,150.00

STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED

Total Appropriations:	1973	1972
Net Town Appropriations	\$ (6,301.70)	\$ (7,730.92)
Net School Appropriations	26,656.29	24,397.27
County Tax Assessment	2,477.84	2,650.10
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	\$ 22,832.43	\$ 18,848.49
Less: Reimbursement A/C		
Property Exempted 1970		
Special Session	– 895.00	– 852.00
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	\$ 21,937.43	\$ 17,996.89
Add: War Service		
Tax Credits	650.00	600.00
Add: Overlay	430.00	414.21
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GROSS PROPERTY		
TAXES	\$ 23,017.43	\$ 19,011.10
Less: War Service		
Tax Credits	– 650.00	– 600.00
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TOTAL TAX		
COMMITMENT	\$ 22,367.43	\$ 18,411.18
Tax Rate/\$100 Valuation	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.40

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

	DEBITS			
	Levy of 1973	Levy of 1972	Levy of 1971	Levy of 1970
Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes 1-1-73:				
Property Taxes	\$22,367.43	\$2,235.96	\$190.55	\$128.50
Resident Taxes	750.00	180.00		
Yield Taxes	356.00	491.90		195.67
Interest	12.24	138.03	24.00	19.28
Penalties	8.00	18.00		
TOTAL DEBITS	\$23,493.67	\$3,063.89	\$214.55	\$343.45
CREDITS				
Remittances to Treasurer:				
Property Taxes	\$17,061.59	\$2,048.73	\$190.55	\$128.50
Resident Taxes	530.00	180.00		
Resident Taxes Abated	20.00			
Yield Taxes	356.00	491.90		
Yield Taxes Abated				195.67
Interest	12.24	138.03	24.00	19.28
Penalties	8.00	18.00		
	\$17,987.83	\$2,876.66	\$214.55	\$343.45
Discount Allowed				
	185.48			
Uncollected Taxes:				
Property Taxes	5,120.36	187.23		
Resident Taxes	200.00			
	5,320.36	187.23		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$23,493.67	\$3,063.89	\$214.55	\$343.45

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973

Taxpayer		Levy of 1973	
		Property	Resident
Albert, George V.	\$ 13.46	\$	
Aldrich, Jacob W. & Jacqueline	358.17		
Azzarito, Frank et al	133.45		
Bailey, Gerald G.	.45		
Bear Ridge Hunting Club	253.40		
Boutin, Albert & Mabel E.	64.07	20.00	
Boutin, John Sr.	8.97		
Boutin, Joseph N. Jr. & Deborah	152.52	10.00	
Boutin, Ronald & April	124.91	20.00	
Clark, Forrest S. & Betty L.	58.31		
Corrigan, James H.	192.86		
DeQuoy, Paul B.	60.55		
DeRusha, Kenneth R.	1.10		
Drew, Frank & Sharon	40.37		
Dunklee, Walter E. (Estate)	117.94		
Elliott, John G. Jr., & Catherine	363.28	20.00	
Elliott, Robert & Beverly		20.00	
Fenn, Thomas & Frances	201.79		
Fernald, Robert & Amy	14.35		
Forest Lands Associates	26.91		
Fox, James & Monika H.	222.01		
Goldberg, Richard	.90		
Gregory, P. R. Jr., & Grace M.	346.27	20.00	
Gregory, Grace M.	219.76		
Harriman, Guy		10.00	
Harris, Michael & Helena	133.44		
Harris, William J. & Seraphine	58.62		
Higgins, David A. & Joan C.	50.47	20.00	
Johnson, Ronald & Charles Fowler	188.82		
Mason, Lloyd & Laura	10.55	20.00	
Mitchell, Eula C.	225.94		
Mott, Ian M. & Janet L.	105.40		
Mullaney, Walter		10.00	
Nickles, Raymond & Elizabeth	325.16		
Noble, Robert L. & Helen	22.43		
Peters, Richard F. & Gail	15.70		
Plant, James A. et al	189.51		
Poulin, Elizabeth M.		10.00	
Randall, Daniel J.	7.38		
Richardson, Charles H. & Joyce E.	8.97		
Saffo, Richard E. & Stephanie C.	205.65		
Steere, Bradley L. & Marjorie M.	11.21		
Steere, Bradley L.	447.15		

Stevens, Dean & Barbara	82.97	20.00
White, James & Doreen W.	153.19	
 TOTALS	\$ 5,120.36	\$ 200.00
		Levy of 1972
Elliott, John Jr. & Catherine	\$ 72.93	
Peters, Richard G. & Gail	66.30	
Stevens, Glen & Virginia	48.00	
 TOTAL	\$ 187.23	

Respectfully submitted,

MAXINE M. TYLER
Tax Collector

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

From Tax Collector:

Levy of 1970

Property Taxes	\$	128.50
Interest		19.28
Yield Tax Abated		195.67
	\$	343.45

Levy of 1971

Property Taxes	\$	190.55
Interest		24.00
		214.55

Levy of 1972

Property Taxes	\$	2,048.73
Resident Taxes		180.00
Yield Taxes		491.90
Interest		138.03
Penalties		18.00
		2,876.66

Levy of 1973

Property Taxes	\$	17,061.59
Resident Taxes		530.00
Resident Taxes Abated		20.00
Yield Taxes		356.00
Interest		12.24
Penalties		8.00
		17,987.83

From Constable:

Pistol Permits	\$	4.00
Dog Licenses		92.00
		96.00

From Town Clerk:	
1973 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 2,029.23
Dog Licenses	16.00
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	2,045.23
From Trust Funds:	
For Cemeteries	\$ 61.70
For Highways	51.25
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	112.95
From Benton Bible Chapel:	86.36
From State of New Hampshire:	
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 632.57
Savings Bank Tax	17.77
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,279.19
Highway Subsidy	1,649.33
Class V Highway Maintenance	997.17
Reimbursement A/C Business	
Profits Tax	894.68
National Forest Reserve	4,745.51
Federal Disaster Assistance—	
Flood Damage	2,700.00
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	\$ 12,916.22
From Woodsville National Bank:	
Tax Anticipation Notes	8,000.00
From Revenue Sharing Funds:	1,385.39
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 46,064.64
Balance on Hand 1/1/73	8,707.99
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Less: Selectmen's Orders	\$ 54,772.63
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BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/73	\$ 5,275.20

Accounts on Deposit 12/31/73:

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	
Yield Tax Deposits	\$ 653.45
Revenue Sharing Account—1973	
Received	\$ 3,060.00
Interest Added	91.97
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	\$ 3,127.97
Withdrawn	- 1,385.39
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	\$ 1,742.58

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA T. BOUTIN
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1973**Town Officers' Salaries:**

William Harris, trustee	\$	14.40
John Elliott, Sr., trustee		14.40
Jacob Aldrich, auditor		75.00
Priscilla Boutin, treas. (6 mos.)		50.00
Barbara Scott, treas. (6 mos.)		35.00
James Elliott, selectman		148.00
James Page, selectman		132.00
George Tyler, selectman		131.00
Maxine Tyler, tax collector		99.00
April Boutin, town clerk		75.00
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	\$	773.80

Town Officers' Expenses

Meals/mileage	\$	45.65
Board stray dog		15.00
Town Reports		297.00
Postage		35.73
Fees		146.60
Transfers		7.22
Supplies		52.75
Bonds		87.00
Dues		20.00
Advertisement		113.10
Legal Fees		101.78
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		921.83

Election and Registration:

Mildred Elliott, supervisor	\$	78.40
John Elliott, Sr., supervisor		78.40
Laura Mason, supervisor		78.40
April Boutin, town clerk		16.00
Bruce Enderson, moderator		32.00
George Tyler, selectman		32.00
James Page, selectman		32.00

James Elliott, selectman		32.00
Margaret Elliott, town clerk		16.00
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		395.20
Community Building:		
Electric	\$	105.51
Insurance		55.00
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		160.51
Police Department:		
George Tyler, constable		30.00
Insurance:		
Franconia Insurance Co.		
General liability	\$	229.00
Workman's Compensation		46.00
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		275.00
Health Department:		
White Mt. Comm. Services	\$	50.00
Cottage Hospital—		
Area Ambulance		100.00
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		150.00
Vital Statistics:		
April Boutin, town clerk		2.00
Town Dump:		
Town of Haverhill		100.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer		
Equipment hire		1,329.30
Town Road Maintenance—Winter		
Equipment hire	\$	927.62
Labor		29.00
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		956.62
Town Road—Flood Damage		
Equipment & Materials		4,686.69

Town Road—New Construction		
Howe Hill—Equipment Hire		1,449.14
Town Road Aid:		
Appropriation		159.16
Public Welfare:		
Surplus Foods		111.60
Cemeteries:		
Labor and Equipment	\$	123.00
Flowers and supplies		12.59
		135.59
Regional Associations:		
White Mt. Region Assoc.		84.14
Abatements:		
Resident tax	\$	20.00
Yield tax		195.67
		215.67
Payments to State:		
Resident taxes	\$	99.00
Bond & Debt Retirement tax		89.97
		188.97
Interest:		
Woodsville National Bank—		
tax ant. note		180.00
Tax Anticipation Notes:		
Woodsville National Bank		8,000.00
Payments to County:		
1973 County taxes		2,477.84
Payments to School:		
Appropriation	\$	24,841.61
½ National Forest Reserve		2,372.76
		26,714.37
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$	49,497.43

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Selectmen and Trustees of Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Feb. 12, 1974

JACOB W. ALDRICH
Auditor

TRUST FUNDS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973

There are in custody of the Trustees the following trust funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income received during the year 1973 is distributed as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Ameunt	Distribution of Income		
		Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 500.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	16.00		
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	33.00	12.00	12.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
L. H. Parker	200.00	Field not rented		
Ira Whitcher	13.19	.76		
J. C. Speed	132.11	7.60		
Sam'l Whitcher &				
Wm. Kendall	189.69	10.12		
Wm. T. Torsey	45.46	2.33		
Sam'l Annis	45.46	2.33		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	2.33		
Geo. H. Clark	190.27	10.22		
Kendrick Howe	50.00	2.87		
Ella Mann	50.00	2.87		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	5.75		
Isabella Tyler	50.00	2.87		
Maude & Lee B. McKean	100.00	5.75		
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	\$ 6,711.64	\$ 132.80	\$ 69.25	\$ 69.25

The above funds are deposited in savings accounts or invested in Government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Branch, Littleton National Bank, Lisbon, N.H.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HARRIS
JOHN G. ELLIOTT, SR.
JOSEPH N. BOUTIN, SR.

Trustees of Trust Funds

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Benton School

District

Year Ending December 31, 1973

DISTRICT OFFICERS**School Board**

Jacob Aldrich, Chairman	Term Expires 1974
Mrs. Mildred A. Elliott	Term Expires 1975
Mrs. Priscilla Boutin	Term Expires 1976

Other District Officers

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Vevah Leonard	Clerk
Mr. George Tyler	Truant Officer
Mr. Norman H. Mullen	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Harold J. Haskins	Assistant Superintendent of Schools

**SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 5th day of March, 1974, at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose one Member of the School Board for a term of three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State of New Hampshire.
10. To see if the District will vote to indemnify and save harmless any officer or employee for loss or damage arising out of any claim, demand, suit, or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property while said officer or said employee is acting in his official capacity or employment pursuant to the provisions of New Hampshire R.S.A. 31:105.
11. To see if the voters will vote to permit the school board to enter into five-year contractual agreements when it is in the best interest of the Benton School District.
12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

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School Board of Benton

**BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
1973-1974**

ITEM	Adopted Budget 1973-1974	Proposed Budget 1974-1975
100 ADMINISTRATION		
110 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 65.00
135 Contracted Services	6.00	10.00
190 Admin. Expenses		200.00
500 TRANSPORTATION		
535 Contracted Transportation	3,500.00	5,500.00
1400 OUTGOING TRANSFER		
ACCOUNTS		
1477.1 Tuition In-State	22,625.00	28,550.00
1477.3 Supervisory Union Expenses	579.04	643.31
1478.1 Tuition Out-of-State	923.00	1,000.00
1478.2 Transportation	923.00	1,000.00
Contingency Fund	50.00	50.00
Deficiency Appropriation	765.00	3,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<hr/> \$29,414.54	<hr/> \$40,018.31

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1974-1975

Balance on Hand June 30, 1974	0.00
State Aid:	
Sweepstakes	471.59
Federal Aid:	
National Forest Reserve	2,200.00
Trust Fund Income	50.00
Estimated amount to be raised by 1974 Property Taxes	37,296.72
Total Appropriation	\$40,018.31

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed

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budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,018.31
for the school year 1974-1975.

School Board of Benton

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, the sum of \$40,018.31.

REVISED INCOME FOR 1973-1974

Unencumbered Balance	\$ 0.00
Sweepstakes	500.00
National Forest Reserve	2,200.00
Trust Fund Income	58.25
Total Revenue and Credits	2,758.25
Amount to be raised by 1973 Taxes	26,656.29
	\$29,414.54

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1973

	Adopted Budget 1972-1973	Paid Out 1972-1973
100 ADMINISTRATION		
110.1 Salaries of District Officers	\$ 43.50	\$ 43.50
135 Contracted Services	6.00	6.00
500 TRANSPORTATION		
535 Contracted Services	3,300.00	2,970.00
1400 OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS		
1477 Expenditures to Other School Districts, Public Academies, or Administrative Units in the State		
.1 Tuition	23,650.00	23,442.86
.3 District Share of Supervisory Union Exp.	529.44	*529.44
1478 Expenditures to School District or Administrative Units in Another State		
.1 Tuition	896.00	
.2 Transportation	486.00	
CONTINGENCY FUND	50.00	
CASH ON HAND AT END OF YEAR, JUNE 30, 1973		
3001 General Fund		177.29
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TOTAL	\$27,578.94	\$28,551.09

* This figure includes the amount \$130.20, the district's share of the Superintendent's salary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973****Receipts**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1972	\$ 82.91
Revenue from Local Sources	
Current Appropriation	24,397.27
Deficit Appropriation	765.00
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation	154.28
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Earnings from Trust Funds	51.25
Other	1.00
Revenue from State Sources	
Sweepstakes	525.06
Revenue from Federal Sources	
National Forest Reserve	2,574.32
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	\$28,551.09

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$28,373.80
Cash on Hand at End of Year,	
June 30, 1973	177.29
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	\$28,551.09

BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1973

Assets

Cash on Hand June 30, 1973	
General Fund	\$ 177.29
Accounts Due to District	0.00
Total Assets	177.29
Net Debt (Excess of Liabilities Over Assets)	194.71
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 372.00

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by District	
Arthur Clough	\$ 330.00
Grace Gregory	42.00
Total Liabilities	372.00
Surplus (Excess of Assets Over Liabilities)	0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 372.00

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973
 School District of Benton

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1972	\$ 82.91
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$25,316.55
Revenue from State Sources	525.06
Revenue from Federal Sources	2,574.32
Received as Income from	
Trust Funds	51.25
Received from all Other Sources	1.00
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Total Receipts	28,468.18
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE	
FOR FISCAL YEAR	28,551.09
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	28,373.80
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BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1973	\$ 177.29

July 6, 1973

MAXINE TYLER
 District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, and find them correct in all respects.

July 11, 1973

IONA V. BOUTIN
 Auditor

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my ninth annual report to the voters of the Benton School District.

The Benton School Board is recommending a total budget of \$40,018.31 for 1974-1975 which is an increase of \$10,603.77 over the current budget.

Largely responsible for the major increase are the areas of transportation, tuition, and deficiency appropriation.

Transportation has increased \$2,000.00.

Tuition has increased \$5,925.00.

Deficiency Appropriation—\$3,000.00.

A word of explanation concerning the deficiency appropriation is important for voters to understand why we are in this dilemma.

Every year we budget for the exact number of students, according to our previous census, who will be tuitioned for the next year. Last year we anticipated that eighteen youngsters would be tuitioned to elementary school but when September came we had twenty-six. Our budgeting for junior-senior high was more correct since we had some leave school and other new children come into the Benton School District.

The energy crisis has affected us all and more importantly our schools. Since the experts tell us we will have this problem for some time to come, school planning will have to change in order to better live with this situation. Specifically, it could mean going to school during the warmer months and having longer vacations during the winter.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Benton School Board and the voters for their support during the past year.

Respectfully,

NORMAN H. MULLEN
Superintendent of Schools

SUPERVISORY UNION #23
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #23, during 1973-1974, will receive a salary of \$19,600.00, which is made up as follows: \$2,500.00 to be paid by the State Department of Education and \$17,100.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,500.00 for travel within the Union is also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel to each school district:

District	Salary	Travel
Bath	\$ 728.46	\$ 63.90
Benton	135.09	11.85
Haverhill Cooperative	7,045.20	618.50
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	5,653.26	618.00
Monroe	1,850.22	162.30
Piermont	969.57	85.05
Warren	718.20	63.00
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	\$17,100.00	\$ 1,500.00
Assistant Superintendent	\$ 88.87	\$ 7.90

NORMAN H. MULLEN
Superintendent of Schools

SUMMARY PROGRAM OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS REGION ASSOCIATION

Your Region Association, through its promotional and financial responsibilities, was one of the principal organizers of the White Mountains Art and Music Festival. This Festival has been acclaimed as a truly significant contribution to northern New Hampshire and in 1974, with a much larger budget, the program is expected to expand markedly.

Your Region Association also helped to set up the Hotel-Motel training program at the Waumbek, Jefferson, N.H. Because your Association has for many years promoted the region's hotel-motel industry, the directors felt this training program would effectively compliment these on-going promotional activities. The responsibilities incurred by your Association were: a questionnaire designed to answer "Is there a need for the program" and assistance in employing graduates of the program in the region's hotel-motel industry. Additionally, your Association set up meetings with hotel-motel owners and managers to work out any problems and to exchange ideas.

Other activities for 1973 included: completion of a canoe and kayak folder (designed for promotional purposes), a State requested survey of flood damage to the private sector of northern New Hampshire's economy, representation at the Eastern State Exposition in Springfield, Mass., presentation of 4-H awards in Grafton and Coos Counties and annual subscriptions of the 4-H National News Magazine to club leaders, and the annual solicitations of listings for the **New Hampshire Accommodations and Dining Directory** and the **Where to Stay** folder. Additionally, your Association's executive director acted as secretary of the N.H. Council of Region Associations, an organization which works closely with the State's Office of Vacation Travel.

Your Association for its 1973 annual meeting set up a panel discussion on the subject of "Wilderness in the White Mountain National Forest." Panelists included representatives of the N.H. Snowmobile Association, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Society for the Protection of N.H. Forests, Sno-engineering, the wood products industry in northern New Hampshire, the Sierra Club, the State's Bureau of Off-Highway Recreation Vehicles, the U.S. Forest Service and the North Country RC&D Project, Inc.

With regard to legislated matters your Association supported House Bill relative to Open Space. In large part the directors saw this bill as an attempt to help preserve our farmlands here in the region. Furthermore, your Association supported House Bill #10 relative to Off-Highway Vehicles with the exception that the majority of directors felt snowmobilers should ask the permission of the land-owners during periods when there is adequate snow cover.

Finally, the executive director spoke on Association activities both on radio and before several chambers of commerce and rotary clubs in the region.

Inquiries for the year totaled 5,000.

Wrote 27 news releases, 2 newsletters and 140 personal letters.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1973

Date and Place of Marriage	Age	Names of Groom and Bride	Residence	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
March 23	23	Howard Samuel Pihl	Littleton, N.H.	Richard Pihl	Hazel Dorry
	19	Valerie Susan Elliott	Littleton, N.H.	Robert Elliott	Beverly Moses
July 7	21	Scott Ernest Roden	Haverhill, N.H.	John Roden	Barbara Atwood
	17	Diana Lynn Boutin	Benton, N.H.	Albert Boutin	Mabel Guyette
August 12	19	David George Woods	Bath, N.H.	Charles Woods	Beverly Kallum
	16	Joyce Ann Aldrich	Benton, N.H.	Jacob W. Aldrich	Jacqueline Valentine

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief,
 APRIL R. BOUTIN, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1973

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Residence	Maiden Name of Mother	Name of Father
December 8 Haverhill, N.H.	Lena Collins	73	Woodsville, N.H.	Mary Jane Greenwood	Joseph Lamarre

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
APRIL R. BOUTIN, Town Clerk

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